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| EVANESCENT MICROWAVE |) | |
| PROBE AND CONTROL STAGE |) | |
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2007, the deadline for response to which is hereby extended to March 27, 2008 by the attached Petition to Extend Time for three months, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.